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SUBJECT: LAUGERUD NAMES VICE MINISTERS

1. ON JUNE 25 PRESIDENT-ELECT LAUGERUD ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENTS FOR VICE MINISTER POSITIONS. FOUR VICE MINISTERS OF ARANA GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE IN SAME POSITIONS: ALFREDO OBIOLS GOMEZ (FOREIGN RELATIONS), ARTURO AROCH (FINANCE), GUSTAVO BARRIOS FLORES (ECONOMY, FOR INTEGRATION) AND RAFAEL BELTRANENA (AS ONE OF TWO PUBLIC WORKS VICE MINISTERS).

2. NEW APPOINTMENTS WERE AS FOLLOWS: DEFENSE--GEN. JUVENTINO GOMEZ RECINOS, CURRENTLY COMMANDER OF THE GENERAL BARRACKS; ECONOMY--MANUEL JOSE VILLACORTA ESCOBAR, ECONOMICS PROFESSOR AT SAN CARLOS UNIVERSITY, FORMER MANAGER OF NATIONAL AGRARIAN BANK (1963-66) AND FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE PRODUCTION FOMENTATION INSTITUTE (1966). GOVERNMENT--ALFREDO GARRIDO RUANO, A LAWYER. EDUCATION--RICARDO PENA PINTO, PEDAGOGY PROFESSOR AT SAN CARLOS UNIVERSITY, HAS HELD VARIOUS POSITIONS IN EDUCATION MINISTRY. COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS--RICARDO ARGUEDAS MARTINEZ, AN ENGINEER. PUBLIC HEALTH--ARTURO ROBERTO ITURBIDE COLLINO, A PHYSICIAN AND PRESIDENT OF ITALIAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE. AGRICULTURE--

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JUAN ROHRMAN LASCOUS, AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF GUATEMALAN

AGRICULTURALISTS ASSOCIATION (AGA). LABOR--MANUEL ANTONIO  
GAROS CABRERA, A LAWYER.

3. LAUGERUD ALSO ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENTS TO SECONDARY  
POSITIONS ON PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARIAT  
STAFF: SUB-SECRETARY-GENERAL--OSCAR EDUARDO  
PINEDA CASTRO-, PRESENTLY VICE MINISTER OF ECONOMY. SECOND  
SUB-SECRETARY-GENERAL--ERNESTO BERGER, CURRENTLY PRESIDENT  
OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SECURITY INSTITUTE.  
SUB-SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS--ROLANDO ARCHILA MARROQUIN,  
LAUGERUD'S ELECTION CAMPAIGN PRESS SECRETARY.

4. COMMENT: THE NEW VICE MINISTERS APPEAR TO BE EXCLUSIVELY  
TECHNICIANS. WITH THE EXEPTION OF GOMEZ, VILLACORTA AND PENA,  
THE NEW APPOINTEES ARE NOT WELL-KNOWN FIGURES. NOT ONE OF THE  
FOUR HOLDOVERS FROM THE ARANA GOVERNMENT OR THE EIGHT NEWLY  
APPOINTED VICE MINISTERS IS KNOWN TO BE ACTIVE IN A  
POLITICAL PARTY.  
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